



Joe Frank Chapman

July 17, 1928 - June 13, 2010

ATHENS - Joe Frank Chapman passed away June 13, 2010. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Burial will be in Strong Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at the funeral home. "Joe Frank" was born July 17, 1928, in the Church Hill Community, to Bennie and Lena Chapman. He was a member of Church Hill United Methodist Church and Danville Masonic Lodge No. 101. After graduation from Henderson High School, Joe was employed by Kilgore National Bank and served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. In the late 1950s, he became a cattle buyer and stayed in that profession for the rest of his life. Joe helped many people during his life and always insisted that real giving was done in a quiet and often anonymous way. A 37-year cancer survivor, Joe accepted a laryngectomy with dignity and fortitude. His courage and tenacity through the years caused many to admire and emulate him. Joe's love of rodeo and particularly calf roping were legendary. His involvement in the sport began when he was young with his lifelong friend, Sherrill McMurray. His interest continued through his sons' careers in roping. The high point of his life was watching his son, Jeff, set an arena record at the 1997 National Finals Rodeo. Over the years, Joe mentored young calf ropers, many of whom he came to count among his closest friends. Joe loved a good story - both the telling and the hearing of one. He also admired a well-built fence and had a real appreciation of a fine

hand tool. In his later years, he greatly enjoyed his grandchildren. He is preceded in death by: his parents and son, Ben E. Chapman. Survivors are: caring wife and constant companion, Peggy Chapman; son, Jeff Chapman and wife Holly; daughters, Mary Jo Walker and husband Howard and Claudia Hennig and husband Jack; grandchildren, Rachel, Sarah, Daniel, Ben and Jacob; great-grandson, Lucas; sister, Mary Frances McFarland. Serving as pallbearers are Eddie Armstrong, Joe Beaver, Dave Brock, Roy Cooper, Mike McLaughlin and Johnny Powell. The family would like to express their thanks to the following for their compassion and care: Dr. Ted Mettetal and his staff, Becky and Alana; Dr. Robert Carney and CVC Tyler. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials, in honor of Joe Chapman, be made to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80919.

Previous Events

visitation

JUN **15**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ *What a gentleman that will be greatly missed. He was always so kind and had a smile each time I encountered him at the sale barn. My sympathy to all the family. I know he is rounding up all the strays in heaven and maybe even tying down a few that try to get away. What a guy !!!!*

Marilynn Wilson - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Ms Peggy, Sorry I can't go with Mark to the service, but my thoughts and prayers are with you. Joe was a very special man and thought of very highly by Hilton and Bonnie as well as Mark & I. If you need anything, please call us. Love - Debbie*

Mark & Debbie Shelton - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *We are so sorry to hear about your loss, May peace be with you and wonderful memories in your heart.*

Todd and Donna Arthur - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Peg, Jeff, Holly and Family, Joe was a great guy and will truly be missed by everyone that knew him. He always had a smile and a story to tell and he always spoke and talked to you no matter where you ran into him. You all have our sincere sympathy. Gene and Lynda K Brown Jeff Graham Tisha Sims*

Gene and Lynda Kay Brown - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Cindy Shelton - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Peggy, Claudia, Mary-Jo, Jeff & families: We were so very sorry to hear that Joe passed away. We enjoyed our visits during the Calgary Stampede, CFR and NFR over the years. May you find comfort in all the cherished memories you have of him. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. John and Dean Metcalfe*

Geraldine Metcalfe - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *MARY JO, CLAUDIA, JEFF AND PEGGY, KNOW THAT I AM SO TRUELY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS OF SUCH A WONDERFUL MAN. I ALWAYS ADMIRED MR. CHAPMAN FOR THE DIGNITY AND COURAGE HE SHOWED WHEN FACED WITH CANCER PLEASE KNOW EACH OF YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. IF YOU ALL NEED ANYTHING PLEASE CALL. DEANNA SAYERS CARTWRIGHT*

DEANNA CARTWRIGHT - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Peggy, I am so very sorry for your loss. Even though I didn't know Joe that well, I feel like I have known him forever thru your stories and keeping me updated. My heart just breaks for you. You are a great friend & I love you very much. If you need anything please let me know. Call me one day and we will go to lunch. I will not be able to attend his service because I have a doctors appt in Dallas, but know I am with you there in spirit..I know these have been some rough months for you but I pray you will only remember the good times!!! Joe is in heaven now and not in any more pain!! May God give you peace during this time. I love you,Cindy

Cindy Cross - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Peg & Jeff,I was saddened to hear from Rusty this morning about Joe. It was always a pleasure to see Peg & Joe at any and every rodeo around. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.Linda Rusty & Karen Piper

Karen Piper Dolle - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Aunt Peg & Jeff.....There are no words that can express how so very sorry I am for not only yall's loss but the loss to our family....Joe was special to all of us. He always had a smile and kinda word for each of us. I will remember him with a smile. I pray God to help each of you through this grieving process. Just know he is in heaven now and not suffering....I hope to be able to come but I am not sure until I go back to surgern tomarrow for my check up. Just know I love ya both dearly and I am truely sorry. You are both in my prayers and in my heart....Much Love,Dana

Dana - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Peggy, Jeff and family, Margie and I are sad to hear about Joe. He was a great person to know. Joe was liked by everyone who knew him. He will be missed. Our Prayers, Clyve Margie*

Clyve McDaniel - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *what a dear friend.....I'm so glad to have had Mr. Joe as a part of my life...I'll always remember what a caring person and his love for my family.....Marsha*

Jean Billingsley & family - June 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM